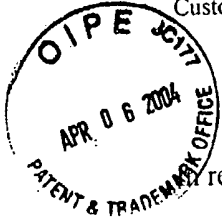


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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 6, 2004, 2003. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

No extension-of-time fee or other fees are believed due. However any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-2036.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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